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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/826,909; Filed: April 19, 2004  
For: **Methods of Treating Diseases Responsive to  
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3. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
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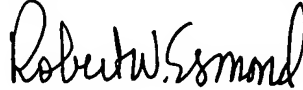
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